

Dehn's Redhead Points to deal with.

1. ~~Bishop's arguments against conventionalism.~~
2. Acceleration v. G.F.
3. left-hand slope  $\neq 1$
4. References to Holstein & Swift
5. References without page nos but include page references
6. References to Karsen & independent measures of distance.
7. ~~Problem of Gottfried's notion of non-standard synchrony.~~
8. Cylindrical space-time. More details.
9. f.e. for paper files in reference
10. ~~reference to volume to check~~
11. ~~reference to Bridgman -~~



① The role of accelerated reference frames in explaining the twin's aging - is also ~~criticized~~ critically examined (A)

② ✓ footnote 10, 31-54 (1911)

③ ✓ Delete footnote 5.

④ ✓ Delete footnotes 12, 13, 14 — replace 12 in text by reference back to 4 on p. 3.

⑤ ✓ Delete last clause of para 1. on p. 4.

⑥ ✓ Insert 'a' on p. 4 para 3, line 1.

⑦ ✓ p. 4, comma after footnote 15, after E. & J. use.

⑧ ✓ force we are dealing with flat spacetime, the reference to special relativity in this context is decidedly misleading. [footnote ~~16~~ <sup>15</sup> so in particular for discussion of this point see in particular, <sup>Edward</sup> E. F. Doyle and R. J. Phillips, "Uniformly accelerated reference frames in special relativity", Am. J. Phys. 55, 252-261 (1987)]

⑨ ✓ change ref. 21 footnote 21 to Am. J. Phys. 57, 792-799 (1989).

⑩ ✓ Delete footnote 22

⑪ ✓ acceleration based





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Objections to the ether Conventionality thesis  
take three main forms. Firstly the  
loss of simplicity arising from the anisotropic  
effects associated with using non-standard  
synchrony. Thus Brehme writes <sup>23, 24</sup> "It can  
be done, but it is so artificial as to  
jar our sense of fitness".

[Ref. <sup>23, 24</sup> R. W. Brehme "Preface to 'The  
Conventionality of Synchronization'" Am. J. Phys.  
53, 56-59 (1985)]

But the Conventionality thesis is an issue,  
not about simplicity, but about what  
is factual and what is conventional in  
the foundations of special relativity.

A more promising criticism is to  
introduce methods of establishing distant  
synchrony which do not depend on a  
prior choice of the  $\epsilon$ -parameter.

Most discussed in this connection is  
the method of slow clock transport <sup>24, 25</sup> and  
to introduced by Bridgman.

[Footnote <sup>25</sup> P. W. Bridgman, A Sophisticate's  
Primer of Relativity, (Middletown, Conn., 1962),  
Wesleyan University Press pp. 64-67.]

Introducing a notion of self-measured  
velocity  $v$  (i.e. what is not usually called  
proper velocity) Bridgman shows that  
in the limit as  $v \rightarrow 0$ , slow clock-transport  
agrees with the Einstein convention,  
without presupposing it.



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A similar line of argument has been developed by Brehme<sup>25b</sup>

[quote <sup>25b</sup> R. W. Brehme "On the Physical reality of the isotropic speed of light", Am. J. Phys. 56, 811-813 (1988)]

who also uses clocks moving in opposite directions and the same proper speed to establish distant synchrony in agreement with all fourteen conditions

steadily, A more sophisticated line of argument <sup>27b</sup> can be traced <sup>back</sup> to the work of Robb

[quote <sup>26</sup> A. A. Robb, A Theory of Time and Space, (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, England, 1914)]

Robb's work was 'rediscovered' in the 1960's.

For a modern treatment see, for example, F. C. Zeeman, "Causality implies the Lorentz group", Found. Phys. 5, 490-493, (1964.)

The essential idea here is to note that the standard Einstein synchrony is equivalent to Minkowski-orthogonality to the time axis of the reference frame, and then to show demonstrably that Minkowski-orthogonality is definable from the causal structure of Minkowski-spacetime, i.e. the light-cone structure without any assumptions about the one-way speed of light.

Nevertheless the conventionalists can

still be defined on the grounds that any method that establishes standard synchrony in a moving frame, will automatically define non-standard synchrony in a stationary frame, so the conventional element is retained in specifying simultaneity in the stationary frame, viz. the choice of whether to insert into its place the standard synchrony defined in any of the moving frames, or the equality estimate.

For the present we shall proceed on the assumption <sup>that</sup> of the conventionality thesis is correct, and offer the reader for a conference review of this issue to reflect <sup>3</sup> pg. 3.  
 the work cited in p. 3.

(19) By cylindrical space-time we mean a two-dimensional universe in the shape of an infinitely long cylinder, with time running "up" the cylinder and space running "around" it.

(20) This scenario has also been examined by Redhead <sup>3</sup> who has shown how the parallelogram construction can be adapted to spell out the conventionality limits on synchronizing distant clocks in cylindrical space-time.

(21) ✓ will → can may

F (22) is the standard formulation of the twin paradox



(23)

if the journeys of the twins are to start and finish in spatial coincidence (6)

(24)

it is not

(6)  
(7)

it remains true of course that without acceleration, <sup>on</sup> Minkowski space-time it is impossible to have <sup>any</sup> interesting trajectories so as to formulate the twin paradox with the twins starting and finishing in spatial coincidence. So in this sense, acceleration is an essential ingredient in understanding the twin paradox. It may be noted, however, that even this role for acceleration can be elucidated <sup>if</sup> in formulations of the twin paradox in curved space-time <sup>see for example</sup> 2039 2039 in Barry R. Holstein and Arthur R. Swift "The Relativistic twin in free fall", Am. J. Phys. 40, 746-750 (1972).